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I would like to make a comment against the current settlement agreement between the DOJ and Microsoft.

I speak from an experience of developing software and firmware for the past 17 years. I have witnessed many inovative ideas and whole companies get ruined due to the ogreish juggernaut known as Microsoft. This company has been able to get out from every restriction/correction the US Justice department has placed on it.

This latest judgement shows a fundamental lack of effectively stopping Microsoft from continuing it's monopolistic practices in the PC/Intel market.

In the future, what business (not necessarily Microsoft) will have any fear of the US antitrust laws if this settlement is approved. The erosion of the effectiveness of the Sherman Antitrust Act is the real loss to the American public.

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